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EO 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: CUBANA CRASH REPORT RELEASED

REF BRIDGETOWN 0800 NOTAL

1. ON JUNE 15 EMBASSY RECEIVED ONE COPY OF PARTS I AND II
OF THE REPORT OF THE GOB'S CUBANA CRASH COMMISSION OF
ENQUIRY. THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE TRANSMITTING THE COPY
STATED THAT, AS PART III OF THE COMMISSION REPORT IS A
"CONFIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY," THE GOA "DOES NOT PROPOSE
TO RELEASE THAT PART."

2. CHAPTER 8 OF PART II OF THE REPORT, TITLE "ALLEGED
AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT." DEALS PRINCIPALLY BUT INCONCLUS-
IVELY WITH THE QUESTION OF THE SUSPECTS' POSSIBLE VISIT TO
THIS EMBASSY. AFTER RECOUNTING INCOMPLETE INFORMATION
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CONCERNING THE MOVEMENTS OF LOZANO/LUGO WHILE IN BARBADOS,
IT CONCLUDES: "IN OUR VIEW AN OVERALL ASSESS-
MENT OF THE EVIDENCE PROVIDES SOME GROUND FOR ASSERTING
THAT LOZANO AND LUGO DID VISIT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ON
OCTOBER6. THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO LEAD EVIDENCE IN
CONTADICTION AND NO EXPLANATION FOR ANY SUCH VISIT WAS
GIVEN. THE POINTS WERE MADE BY MR. WILLIS THAT, ACCORD-

ING TO MR. DURANT, INVESTIGATIONS FAILED TO ESTABLISH THE
IDENTITY OF MR. MCLEOD; THERE WAS NO PERSON WITH THAT NAME
WORKING AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY; NO PERSON BEARING SUCH A NAME EN-
TERED BARBADOS ABOUT THAT TIME IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY OR
OTHERWISE; AND NO OFFICIAL CONCLUSIONS WERE DRAWN AS TO
THE IDENTITY OF MR. MCLEOD. MR WILLIS INDEED REFERRED
TO "THIS MYSTERIOUS MR. MCLEOD APPEARING TO BE AS VAPOROUS
AS HIS NAME IMPLIES." WE WOULD ONLY OBSERVE THAT IF ANY
COVERT TRANSACTION WAS BEING CONDUCTED, IT WOULD NOT BE
SURPRISING IF AN UNDERCOVER NAME WAS USED." THE REPORT
CONTAINS NO MENTION OF EMBASSY OR USNAVFAC PERSONNEL BEYOND
THE REFERENCES TO THE FICTITIOUS "MR MCLEOD."

3. COMMENT: PERHAPS THE MOST INTERESTING PORTION OF THE
REPORT IS THE SECTION DEALING WITH GOB-GOTT POLICE CON-
SULTATIONS IN PORT OF SPAIN. THE TRINIDADIAN POLICE
AUTHORITIES COME OFF AS HAVING ATTEMPTED TO PRESSURE THE
GOB INTO ACCEPTING CUSTODY OF LOZANO AND LUGO, WHILE
AT THE SAME TIME REFUSING TO SUPPLY THE INCRIMINATING
EVIDENCE THAT THE BARBADIANS FELT IT NECESSARY TO
HAVE. END COMMENT.

4. REPORT TO BE POUCHED JUNE 17 TO ARA/CAR.
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